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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to physicians serving as trustees on county
2 hospital boards.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 347.9, Code Supplement 1999, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 347.9 TRUSTEES -- APPOINTMENT -- TERMS OF OFFICE.

4 1. When it has been determined by the voters of a county
5 to establish a county public hospital, the board shall appoint
6 seven trustees chosen from among the resident citizens of the
7 county with reference to their fitness for office, and not
8 more than four of the trustees shall be residents of the city
9 at which the hospital is located. The trustees shall hold
10 office until the following general election, at which time
11 their successors shall be elected, two for a term of two
12 years, two for four years, and three for six years, and they
13 shall determine by lot their respective terms, and thereafter
14 their successors shall be elected for regular terms of six
15 years each.

16 2. A person other than a physician or the spouse of such a
17 person with who has medical or special staff privileges in the
18 county public hospital or who receives direct or indirect
19 compensation in an amount greater than one thousand five
20 hundred dollars in a calendar year from the county public
21 hospital or direct or indirect compensation in an amount
22 greater than one thousand five hundred dollars in a calendar
23 year from a person contracting for services with the hospital
24 shall not be eligible to serve as a trustee for that county
25 public hospital.

26 3. For the purposes of this section and section 347.15,
27 "physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and
28 surgery pursuant to chapter 148, osteopathy pursuant to
29 chapter 150, or osteopathic medicine and surgery pursuant to
30 chapter 150A.

31 Sec. 2. Section 347.15, Code 1999, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 347.15 PECUNIARY INTEREST PROHIBITED -- EXCEPTIONS.

34 A trustee other than a physician shall not have, directly
35 or indirectly, any pecuniary interest in the purchase or sale

1 of any commodities or supplies procured for or disposed of by
 2 a county hospital. This section does not apply to a purchase
 3 or sale of commodities or supplies which benefits a trustee if
 4 the benefit to the trustee does not exceed one thousand five
 5 hundred dollars in a fiscal year or to a purchase or sale made
 6 by a trustee of the board of hospital trustees through
 7 competitive bid which is issued in written form and is
 8 publicly invited and opened.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill removes the prohibition against physicians
 11 serving as trustees on county public hospital boards and makes
 12 a conforming change relating to the pecuniary interest of a
 13 physician in the purchase or sale of commodities or supplies
 14 related to a county hospital.

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